Canton Feb. 11th 1847

Dear Brethren

I have been authorized to purchase for you a few articles of Chinese use for the Soc'y. of Inq.'s Cabinet.- I was at a loss what to select best suited to give satisfaction, & yet come within the limits of the sum at my disposal.- The following articles have been purchased

One Suit female Clothing		
One " Mens do —	}	$11.00
		3.00
One Lantern		
Model of Chinese Gentleman	} —	1.50
" " " Lady		
Incense Sticks — New Year's	} —	25
paper used for religious purposes &c		50
Package &c		
		$16.25
Money in Mr. French's hands $10.00	} —	15.00
Donation by Mr. French 5.00		
Bal. pd. by A. A. B.	—	1.25

The weakness of my eyes prevents me from giving you particulars the directions to be followed in putting on the clothes after the Chinese style.— The under clothes are the same for male & female— & in both sexes the clothes for the upper part of the body hang loosely outside of those of the lower part.— The pants are not drawn close up to the crotch— but are permitted to hang low enough for the extremities of the legs to be inserted in the drawers.— The drawers for the female suit are not to be tied around the Ancles.— Women who have small feet prefer the other kind— those with large feet, such as would have to ease the shoes out, prefer the loose kind.— The longer side of the drawer leg goes in front— over the knee.— The white upper garment in each suit is worn within.— You will notice as another of the opposites of the Ch. as compared with the people of the West, that the ladies suits have

socks, whilst the gentleman's has stockings. — The short dark upper garment of the Gentlemans suit if worn in connection with the long one, goes on the outside. —

The New Year's religious papers will afford you a specimen of what is just now seen in almost endless variety displayed in many shops - giving them a very gay & splendid appearance. —

The boxes I have just sent on board the "Lucas" which sails for Glyphant & Son. — The boxes (two in number) are directed to Care of Mr. Lowrie at Mission Rooms. —

I have long wished to write to the For. Miss. Com. — but for the reason alluded to at top of preceding page have not been able —

Yours in the love
H. A. Brown

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The paper of which Specimens are sent is pasted at the beginning of the Year on the doors, or about the shrines of the idols - intended to propitiate the gods.